

REMARKS**I. Affirmation of Restriction Election**

The Applicant hereby affirms the previous election without traverse of group 1, claims 1-15.

II. Proposed New Title of the Invention

At page 2 of the office action, the title has been objected to as not being descriptive. In response to the examiner's rejection, the title has been amended to "Method and Device Avatar System for Providing an Electronic Service for an Electronic Device".

III. Response to Rejections under 35 USC§102

At page 2, item 4 of the office action, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC§102(b) as being anticipated by Lea (United States patent number 6,052,750, hereinafter referred to as "Lea". The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Lea does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants claimed invention. More particularly, Lea does not disclose a device avatar system having a first controller "wherein the first controller accesses, by way of the device avatar, from a controller key storage, an owner key and uses a challenge generator to generate a challenge of the owner", as recited in amended independent claim 1. Nor does Lea disclose an avatar hosting infrastructure that includes an electronic data processing apparatus "wherein the electronic data processing apparatus accesses, by way of the device avatar, from a controller key storage, an owner key and uses a challenge generator to generate a challenge of an owner of the first remote electronic device", as recited in amended independent claim 9.

In Lea, a home audio/video network for generating default control parameters for devices coupled to the network, and replacing updated control parameters is disclosed. However, Lea does not include any disclosure, mention, or suggestion of

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the use of any type of key or challenge generator as required by the Applicant's amended claims.

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all rejections to the claims, and objections to the application.

IV. Additional Fees

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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